# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# DEFENCE
# LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:7043
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COMMISSIONING OF BRAHMAPUTRA NAVAL SHIP
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**Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Indian Naval Ship Brahmaputra has been commissioned recently, without its main weapon systems, the Trishul;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the warship has been described by the Navy as `Rhino without a horn`; and

(d) the reaction of the Government thereto?

## Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE

(SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) & (b): INS Brahmaputra has been commissioned without Trishul weapon system as the system is still undergoing trials and its performance has not yet been fully proved.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.